

## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

Southern District of Mississippi Office of the Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are saddened to announce the death of U. S. Magistrate Judge John C. Gargiulo on Sunday, October 3, 2021, following complications from pancreatic cancer.

"Since his appointment in August of 2014, Judge Gargiulo has served our court with efficiency and distinction," said Chief U. S. District Judge Daniel P. Jordan III, "and he will be sorely missed."

U. S. District Judge Halil S. "Sul" Ozerden of Gulfport, who worked closely with Judge Gargiulo, noted not only his service as U. S. Magistrate Judge, Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit Court District, and Assistant District Attorney, but also his active-duty service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, which culminated in his eventual retirement as a Colonel in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

"Judge Gargiulo served his state and his country at the highest levels. In fact, he dedicated his professional career to serving others," Judge Ozerden said. "We owe him and his family a deep debt of gratitude, and we grieve with them at this most difficult time."

The court family extends its sincere sympathies to Judge Gargiulo's children, Katherine, Andrew, and Jordan, and his brothers Fred, Thomas, and Peter, and his sister Terese.

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